

Senate Bill 520

By: Senators Goggans of the 7th, Tolleson of the 20th, Hudgens of the 47th and Chapman of the 3rd

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding dogs, so as to provide for a misdemeanor for
3 removing certain collars from dogs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
4 and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions regarding dogs, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
9 follows:

10 "4-8-8.

11 (a) For the purposes of this article, the term 'collar' means any electronic or radio
12 transmitting collar or identification collar that has the purpose of tracking the location of
13 a dog.

14 (b) Any person removing a collar from a dog without permission from the dog's owner
15 and with the intent to prevent or hinder the owner from locating such dog shall be guilty
16 of a misdemeanor and, in the case of such dog being lost or killed as a result of the
17 violator's removal of such collar, shall be required to pay the dog's owner restitution in the
18 amount of the actual value of the dog."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.